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Department of State,

Washington, July 16, 1880.

A. Lowden Snowden, Esq.,

Superintendent of the Mint,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

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that

that one of the three is preferred,
which bears on its face the single
star. It is hoped the medal will
not be heavier nor larger than a
\$20. gold coin of the United States, and
so fashioned as to be attachable by
two links to a simple rider bar-pin, to
be fastened to the coat-lappel. - It is
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er side, be quite near the edge so as to
leave ample room for engraving the name
of the recipient and the date and na-
ture of the service performed by him.

I return the card bearing the design preferred -

I am, Sir. Your obedient Servt,

The Stay
acting Secretary

Enclosure - A photograph marked
on the back "This"

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State Department
Washington D.C.
July 16/80

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Selecting photo -
topographic designs
for medal for foreign
Seamans, rescuing
people from ship-
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I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
John Hay
Acting Secretary

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